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labor and industry, and other  
information of interest to the  
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## SO-CALLED "NATURAL" LAW IS STUPID PLATITUDE

Wage reduction advocates view piously on the "natural law of supply and demand" and on the workers' fallacy in resisting wage cuts. The enemy assumes a superior air—quite legitimate, you know. They shocked him into his knees to "accept their" edict and coil at their attempted reasoning.

Other natural laws refer to man's conduct and his relations with his fellow men. These laws are dictated by conscience and education. They are universal in their application and vary at different ages.

A peculiar thing about the "natural law of supply and demand" is that it only applies to wage earners.

When there is an excess of unorganized or partly organized workers, this "law" operates with Spartan severity. Wages are cut, and the living line and bread lines are formed, but there can be no relief, such as our elders and penny-lancers, who bow before their hol.

The capitalist, however, is immune from the operation of this "natural law." When production exceeds demand prices are not cut, but it is the case with unorganized workers. If they are reduced somewhat it is under the direction of the capitalist, who calls this "balancing industry."

"This 'balancing' proves ineffective in closing his plant and the community votes him a good citizen and opens soup houses for his employees.

The capitalist trusts industry, regulates production, sets prices and employs a choir of economists at great university that the workings of this "natural law of supply and demand" may be better understood.

Another peculiar thing about this "natural law" is that it is perfect when workers are unorganized and imperfect when they are organized. Confounded by the solidarity of wage earners it is as impotent as a dumb who would stay the ocean's tide with his broom.

The grasping trades, the marine engineers, the seamen and the other unorganized workers in the laboring world, it is but a mental attitude and coming feeling to low-wage advocates.

It is an alibi and a justification for debasing workers who fail to be the team who do not know that it is a heritage of the by-gone ages.

The "natural law of supply and demand" is one of the stupid platitudes that is used to confuse wage earners.

It is a law that can be declared unconstitutional by any 100 per cent trade union.

## ROADS YELL FOR MORE

Washington, June 11.—With \$100,000,000 of new roads being built, the railroad unions are not immediately paying amounts due to the states for the use of the roads.

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## WASTE IN INDUSTRY BLAMED ON EMPLOYER

St. Louis, Mo., June 11.—"Waste in industry is one of the most serious problems of the day," says a report of the American Engineering Council on waste in industry.

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## WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C. SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1921

## TRUSTS WORK BEHIND 'OPEN PRICE' SCHEME

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## GATLING GUN FRIEND LOSES HIS POSITION

Chicago, June 11.—In opposing Congressmen Miller's amendments to the measure to limit the sale of Gatling guns, the Gatling gun friend has lost his position.

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## LAND SPECULATORS ESCAPE WHILE INDUSTRY IS TAXED

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## AWFUL SHIP DISASTER MIGHT BE DUPLICATED

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## POSTPONE DECISIONS

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## AWAKENING IS COMING IN THUG-RIDDEN STATE

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